



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 18, 1997

H.R. 1948 **Hood Bay Land Exchange Act of 1997**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 10, 1997

CBO estimates that enacting this bill would not have a significant impact on the federal budget. Because H.R. 1948 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 1948 provides that if the Alaska Pulp Corporation (APC) conveys to the United States about 54 acres of land owned by APC on Admiralty Island National Monument in southeast Alaska, then the Secretary of Agriculture would be directed to relinquish to APC certain federal reversionary interests in about 144 acres of land at the APC pulp mill site near Sitka, Alaska. The bill provides that the APC property acquired by the federal government would be managed as part of the Admiralty Island National Monument and Kootznoowoo Wilderness, which are within the boundaries of the Tongass National Forest. H.R. 1948 also provides that once the federal government relinquishes to APC certain of its reversionary interests in the pulp mill site, APC would then transfer ownership of about 49 acres of the land to the city and borough of Sitka, Alaska. That acreage is currently being used by the city and borough of Sitka for hydroelectric operations under a Federal Power Act license.

H.R. 1948 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995. The city and borough of Sitka would benefit from enactment of this bill because they would receive, without compensation, title to property as described above. Further, by clearing title to the mill site, the bill would facilitate future economic development in Sitka. The bill would have no other significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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